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**CITY JUDGE
CITY COURT OF OAKDALE AND
WARD 5 OF ALLEN PARISH, LOUISIANA**

Oakdale, Louisiana

Financial Report

Year Ended December 31, 2001

Royce T. Scimemi, CPA, Inc.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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AND WARD 5 OF ALLEN PARISH, LOUISIANA
Oakdale, Louisiana

I have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of City Judge, City Court of Oakdale and Ward 5 of Allen Parish, Louisiana (the Judge's Office) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2001, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Judge's Office. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of City Judge, City Court of Oakdale and Ward 5 of Allen Parish, Louisiana at December 31, 2001, and the results of operations for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued a report dated June 13, 2002, on my consideration of the Judge's Office's internal control over financial reporting and my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of my audit.

Royce T. Scimemi, CPA, Inc.
June 13, 2002

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Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Group
December 31, 2001

	<u>Governmental</u> <u>Fund Type</u> <u>General</u>	<u>Fiduciary</u> <u>Fund Type</u> <u>Agency</u>	<u>Account Group</u> <u>General</u> <u>Fixed Assets</u>	<u>Totals</u> <u>(Memorandum Only)</u>
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 76,277	\$ 5,174	\$ -	\$ 81,451
Accounts Receivable				
Interest	217	-	-	217
Fixed Assets	-	-	99,675	99,675
Total assets	<u>\$ 76,494</u>	<u>\$ 5,174</u>	<u>\$ 99,675</u>	<u>\$ 181,343</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY				
Payroll taxes payable	\$ 409	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 409
Accounts payable	4,598	-	-	4,598
Advance Costs	-	5,174	-	5,174
Accrued absences	2,072	-	-	2,072
Total liabilities	<u>7,079</u>	<u>5,174</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,253</u>
Fund equity:				
Investment in general fixed assets	-	-	99,675	99,675
Fund balance - Unreserved and undesignated	69,415	-	-	69,415
Total fund equity	<u>69,415</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>99,675</u>	<u>169,090</u>
Total liabilities and fund equity	<u>\$ 76,494</u>	<u>\$ 5,174</u>	<u>\$ 99,675</u>	<u>\$ 181,343</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance -
Governmental Fund Type - General Fund
Year Ended December 31, 2001

Revenues:	
Court costs	\$105,723
Interest	3,019
Other	3,679
Intergovernmental	<u>1,350</u>
Total revenues	<u>113,771</u>
Expenditures:	
Current	
Contract services	1,790
Computer	1,603
Dues & subscriptions	2,270
Education	2,084
Equipment lease	3,016
Insurance	2,612
Janitorial service	2,200
Juvenile	172
Library	2,750
Miscellaneous	20
Office	2,582
Payroll taxes	2,815
Postage	5,100
Professional fees	4,315
Repairs and maintenance	698
Retirement	4,333
Salaries	60,319
Supplies	3,650
Telephone	7,297
Travel	10,710
Uncollectable gaming revenues	3,750
Capital Outlay	1,208
Debt Service	
Interest	<u>102</u>
Total expenditures	<u>125,396</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(11,625)
Fund balance, beginning of year	<u>81,040</u>
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 69,415</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance -
Budget to Actual -Governmental Fund Type -
General Fund
Year Ended December 31, 2001

Revenues:	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Court costs	\$ 90,000	\$105,723	\$ 15,723
Interest	800	3,019	2,219
Other	1,200	3,679	2,479
Intergovernmental	2,500	1,350	(1,150)
Total revenues	<u>94,500</u>	<u>113,771</u>	<u>19,271</u>
Expenditures:			
Current -			
Contract services	800	1,790	(990)
Computer	1,900	1,603	297
Dues & subscriptions	2,300	2,270	30
Education	2,000	2,084	(84)
Equipment lease	3,100	3,016	84
Insurance	3,000	2,612	388
Janitorial service	2,500	2,200	300
Juvenile	300	172	128
Library	2,400	2,750	(350)
Miscellaneous	-	20	(20)
Office	2,800	2,582	218
Payroll taxes	3,600	2,815	785
Postage	5,000	5,100	(100)
Professional fees	5,000	4,315	685
Repairs and maintenance	1,000	698	302
Retirement	4,400	4,333	67
Salaries	64,000	60,319	3,681
Supplies	11,000	3,650	7,350
Telephone	7,500	7,297	203
Travel	10,000	10,710	(710)
Uncollectable gaming revenues	-	3,750	(3,750)
Capital Outlay	1,400	1,208	192
Debt Service			
Interest	400	102	298
Total expenditures	<u>134,400</u>	<u>125,396</u>	<u>9,004</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(39,900)	(11,625)	28,275
Fund balance, beginning of year	81,040	81,040	-
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 41,140</u>	<u>\$ 69,415</u>	<u>\$ 28,275</u>

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Notes to Financial Statements

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(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The City Judge, City Court of Oakdale and Ward 5 of Allen Parish, Louisiana was established under Louisiana Revised Statute 13:1870 et. seq. Its territorial jurisdiction extends throughout Ward 5 of Allen Parish in which the City of Oakdale is located. The Judge's Office is composed of a city judge (elected) and a city clerk (appointed by the city judge). The city judge in all criminal matters including traffic violations assesses court costs. These costs are utilized in the operation of the Judges office. Costs are deposited into separate special accounts for the ward marshal and the city judge. The city judge is elected for a term of six years. An election will be held in 2002.

The following is a summary of certain significant accounting policies:

A. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Judge's Office have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

B. Financial Reporting Entity

The city court judge and marshal are independently elected officials and each represents a separate reporting entity.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component unit should be considered part of the reporting for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
 - (a) the ability of the primary government to impose its will on that organization and/or
 - (b) the potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the primary government.
2. Organizations for which the primary government does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the primary government.
3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the Judge's Office and do not present information on the City of Oakdale or the Allen

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Parish Police Jury, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or any other governmental units.

C. Fund Accounting

The accounts of the Judge's Office are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and aid financial management by segregating transactions relating to certain governmental functions or activities. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures. In these financial statements, funds are classified into two categories: governmental and fiduciary. Each category, in turn, is divided into separate "fund types". On the other hand, an account group is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net expendable available financial resources. The only account group presently used by the Judge's Office is that for general fixed assets. Revenues are accounted for in these individual funds based upon the purpose for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The funds presented in the financial statements are described as follows:

General Fund

The General Fund is the principal fund of the Judge's Office and is used to account for the operations of the Judge's Office. The various fees and charges due to the Judge's Office are accounted for in this fund. General operation expenditures are paid from this fund.

Agency Funds

The Civil Fee Fund, Cash Bond Fund, and the Fines and Restitution Funds are used to account for assets held as an agent for outside parties, including other governments, or on behalf of other funds within the government. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

D. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurement made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The Judge's Office's records are maintained on a modified accrual basis of accounting. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

Revenues

Penalties, fines, and miscellaneous revenues are recorded in the year in which they are received in cash because they are generally not measurable until actually received.

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Intergovernmental revenue and interest income is accrued when their receipt occurs soon enough after the end of the accounting period so as to be both measurable and available.

The gaming receivable accrued in the 4th quarter of 2000 was estimated at \$5,000 and a corresponding liability to the Ward Marshall was estimated at \$1,250. Because the new compact, signed by the governor of Louisiana in 2001, forgave the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana's 4th quarter 2000 payment, the Judge's Office wrote off the receivable and the liability in 2001 and reported the net as uncollectable gaming revenues on the financial statements. The Judge's Office was not included as a revenue recipient in the compact with the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana and will not receive any funding from them for the next seven years as a result.

Expenditures

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

E. Budgetary Accounting

A general fund budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year end.

On or before December 15 of each year, the budget is prepared by function and activity, and includes information on the past year, current year estimates and requested appropriations for the next fiscal year.

The proposed budget is presented to the Judge for review. Any changes in the budget must be within the revenues and reserves estimated.

Expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations at the activity level. The final budget for 2001 includes the original budget and one amendment made on December 3, 2001.

F. Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are recorded as expenditures at the time purchased, and the related assets are capitalized (reported) in the General Fixed Assets Account Group rather than in the General Fund. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if historical cost is not available. The amount of fixed asset costs estimated is immaterial.

The account group is not a "fund". It is concerned only with the measurement of financial position, not with measurement of results of operations.

G. Compensated Absences

The Judge's Office has the following policy relating to vacation and sick leave:

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Employees of the Judge's Office earn two to three weeks of vacation and 10 days of sick leave each year. Vacation is cumulative and sick leave must be used in the year earned.

The Judge's Office's recognition and measurement criteria for compensated absences follows:

- a. The employee's rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered.
- b. It is probable that the employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means, such as cash payments at termination or retirement.

The accrued compensated absences at December 31, 2001 amounted to \$2,072.

H. Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of moneys are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is not employed by the Judge's Office as an extension of formal budgetary integration in the funds.

I. Total Columns on Combined Balance Sheet

Total columns on the Combined Balance Sheet are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

J. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

K. Advance Costs

Advance costs represents money received in connection with civil suits. The plaintiff of each civil suit is required to make an advance payment to cover the cost incurred by the court in processing the suit. These cash advances remain in the advance costs account until the court earns them. At which time they are disbursed to the proper entities, or until the case has been dismissed and the remaining amount is refunded.

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L. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits and cash equivalents include investments with a maturity date of ninety-one days or less.

(2) Judge's Office Operation

Fines collected by the Judge's Office are required to be remitted to the City of Oakdale, LA, when prosecutions are on behalf of the City, to the Allen Parish Police Jury when the prosecution is on behalf of the state or parish and to other various state agencies as required by law. Article 895.1 through 895.4 of the Code of Criminal Procedure allows the Judge's Office to keep a portion of fines collected to defray operation of the Judge's Office.

The City Judge in both criminal and civil cases under the authority of Louisiana Revised Statutes 13:5204, 13:841 and 13:1899 assesses court costs. Costs collected in criminal (including traffic violations) are used to pay the operational expenses of the Judge's Office. The Judge receives no fees in criminal matters, including peace bonds. Court costs collected in civil cases are paid to the City Judge, the City Marshal and other agencies.

The City of Oakdale, LA and the Allen Parish Police Jury pay salary payments directly to the City Judge and the City Court Clerk. The Judge's Office supplements the City Court Clerk's salary. The Judge's Office is provided space by the City of Oakdale without charge.

(3) Cash and Interest-Bearing Deposits

Under state law, the Judge's Office may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank located in the parish or congressional district that is organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the Union, or the laws of the United States. The Judge's Office may also invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At December 31, 2001, the Judge's Office has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$96,259.

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits, (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent bank. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. Deposit balances (bank balances) at December 31, 2001, are fully secured by federal deposit insurance.

(4) Investments

GASB Statement 31 generally mandates that investments be reported in the financial statements at their fair value. For this purpose, the "fair value" or investment is defined as follows:

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Fair value is the amount at which an investment could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties, other than in a forced liquidation sale. If a quoted market price is available for an investment, the fair value to be used in applying this Statement is the total of the number of trading units times the market price per unit.

All investment income, including changes in the fair value of investments, should be recognized in the operating statement. Reported investment earnings for the year ended December 31, 2001 are as follows:

Interest Income	\$4,950
Realized Loss	(1,613)
Unrealized Loss	<u>(318)</u>
Reported as Interest Income	<u>\$3,019</u>

(5) Changes in General Fixed Assets

A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:

	Balance 12/31/00	Net Additions	Deletions	Balance 12/31/01
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	<u>\$ 98,467</u>	<u>\$ 1,208</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 99,675</u>

(6) Pension Plan

Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System

On behalf of the Judge, the Judge's Office contributes to the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (the System), a cost sharing multiple-employer, public employee retirement system (PERS), controlled and administered by a separate board of trustees. All state employees except certain classes excluded by statute become members of the System as a condition of employment unless they elect to continue as a contribution member in any other retirement system for which they are eligible for membership. Elected officials and officials appointed by the governor may, at their option, become members of the System.

The System also provides retirement, death and disability benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefits are established by state statute. The Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System, P.O. Box 44213, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4213 or by calling (800) 256-3000.

Covered employees are required by state statute to contribute 11.5 percent of their salary to the plan. The Judge's Office is required by the same statute to contribute 11.9 percent. The Judge's Office's contributions to the System for the year ended December 31, 2001, 2000 and 1999 was \$1,269, \$1,098 and \$1,422, respectively.

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Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana

On behalf of eligible employees, other than the Judge, the Judge's Office contributes to the Municipal Employees' Retirement System (the System), a cost sharing multiple-employer, defined benefit pension plan administered by a separate board of trustees. The System is composed to two district plans (Plan A and Plan B). Employees are members of Plan A.

All permanent employees working at least 35 hours per week who are not covered by another pension plan and are paid wholly or in part from municipal funds are eligible to participant in the System. Under Plan A, employees who retire at or after age 60 with at least 10 years of creditable service, at or after age 55 with at least 25 years of creditable service, or at any age with at least 30 years of creditable service are entitled to a retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to 3% of their final-average salary for each year of creditable service. Final-average salary is the employee's average salary over the 36 consecutive or joined months that produce the highest average. Employees who terminate with at least the amount of creditable service stated above, and do not withdraw their employee contributions, may retire at the ages specified above and receive the benefit accrued to their date of termination.

The System also provides death and disability benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefits are established by state statute. The Municipal Employees' Retirement System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to Municipal Employees' Retirement System, 7937 Office Park Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70809 or by calling (225) 925-4810.

Under Plan A, members are required by state statute to contribute 9.25% of their annual covered salary to the plan. The Judge's Office is required by the same statute to contribute an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 5.75% of annual covered payroll. In addition, contributions to the System include ¼ of one percent of the taxes shown to be collectible by the tax rolls of each respective parish, except Orleans Parish. The tax dollars are divided between Plan A and Plan B based proportionately on the salaries of active members of each plan. The contribution requirements of plan members and the Judge's Office are established and may be amended by state statute. As provided by R.S. 11:103, the employer contributions are determined by actuarial valuation and are subject to change each year based on the results of the valuation for the prior fiscal year. The Judge's Office's contributions to Plan A of the System for the year ended December 31, 2001, 2000 and 1999 was \$3,064, \$2,539 and \$2,123, respectively.

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(7) Changes in Agency Fund Balances

A summary of changes in agency fund unsettled deposits follows:

	<u>Unsettled Deposits 12/31/00</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Unsettled Deposits 12/31/01</u>
Agency funds:				
Civil Fee Fund	\$ 3,464	\$ 36,703	\$ 36,213	\$ 3,954
Cash Bond Fund	1,320	4,000	4,100	1,220
Fines and Restitution Fund	<u>0</u>	<u>216,410</u>	<u>216,410</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,784</u>	<u>\$ 257,113</u>	<u>\$ 256,723</u>	<u>\$ 5,174</u>

(8) Risk Management

The Judge's Office is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, damage to, theft of and destruction of assets; errors and omissions, injuries to employees and the public; and natural disasters. The Judge's Office is covered by the City of Oakdale's commercial insurance, including workers' compensation and employee health and accident insurance. No claims from these risks have exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

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**HONORABLE PERRELL FUSELIER
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I have audited the general purpose financial statements of City Judge, City Court of Oakdale and Ward 5 of Allen Parish, Louisiana (the Judge's Office) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2001, and have issued my report thereon dated June 13, 2002. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Judge's Office's general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclose no instances of noncompliance that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered Judge's Office's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. My consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose

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Compliance and Internal Control Report (Continued)

all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. I noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that I consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information of Judge's Office, management, others within the organization and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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June 13, 2002

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

Year Ended December 31, 2001

Current Year Findings:

1. Summary of Auditor's Results:

- a. Auditor issued an unqualified opinion on the financial statements.
- b. No reportable conditions in internal control over financial reporting and its operation were disclosed by the audit of the financial statements.
- c. No noncompliance, which is material to the financial statements, was disclosed by the audit of the financial statements.

2. Findings Relating to the Financial Statements Which are Required to be Reported by the Audit of the Financial Statements:

- None

3. Findings and Questioned Costs for Federal Awards:

- N/A

Prior Year Findings:

The prior year findings have been corrected satisfactorily.